

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A casting apparatus comprising:

a moveable mold section and a stationary mold section, wherein when the moveable mold section is in a closed position and in contact with the stationary mold section a part shape cavity is defined; and

a manually operated extraction member wholly self-contained within ~~disposed in~~ the stationary mold section during the casting of a cast part whereby access to said extraction member is allowed only when the moveable mold section is in an open position and spaced apart from contact with the stationary mold section, said extraction member disposed adjacent the part shape cavity and releasably secured to the stationary mold section so as to be selectively moveable between a first position, wherein said manually operated extraction member cooperates with the mold sections to form a part of the part shape cavity, and a second position, wherein said manually operated extraction member is operative to engage and eject a stuck cast part from the stationary mold section of the part shape cavity.

2. (Previously Presented) The extraction device according to Claim 1 wherein said manually operated extraction member is disposed in a cavity provided in the stationary mold section.

3. (Previously Presented) The extraction device according to Claim 1 wherein said manually operated extraction member includes a shoulder for supporting said manually operated extraction member on a ledge of the stationary mold section to prevent flash into said cavity thereof during a casting process.

4. (Previously Presented) The extraction device according to Claim 1 wherein said manually operated extraction member includes a manually actuated lever and a threaded fastener which is operative to releasably secure said manually actuated lever in the stationary mold.

5. (Currently Amended) A casting apparatus comprising:

a moveable mold section and a stationary mold section, wherein when the moveable mold section is in a closed position and in contact with the stationary mold section a part shape cavity is defined; and

a manually operated extraction member wholly self-contained within disposed in a cavity of the stationary mold section during the casting of a cast part whereby access to said extraction member is allowed only when the moveable mold section is in an open position and spaced apart from contact with the stationary mold section, said manually operated extraction member disposed adjacent the part shape cavity and releasably secured to the stationary mold section so as to be selectively moveable between a first position, wherein said manually operated extraction member cooperates with the mold sections to form a part of the part shape cavity, and a second position, wherein said manually operated extraction member is operative to engage and eject a stuck cast part from the stationary mold section of the part shape cavity, said manually operated extraction member includes a manually actuated lever and a threaded fastener which is operative to releasably secure said lever in the cavity of the stationary mold.

6. (Previously Presented) The extraction device according to Claim 5 wherein said manually operated extraction member includes a shoulder for supporting said manually operated extraction member on a ledge of the stationary mold section to prevent flash into said cavity thereof during a casting process.

7. (Currently Amended) A casting apparatus comprising:

a stationary mold section;

a moveable mold section which is moveable relative to said stationary mold section between an opened position and a closed position, in said closed position said moveable mold section in contact with said stationary mold section to define a part shape cavity; and

a manually operated extraction device for removing a stuck cast part from said stationary mold section, said manually operated extraction member wholly self-contained within ~~disposed in~~ said stationary mold section during the casting of the cast part whereby access to said extraction member is allowed only when the moveable mold section is in an open position and spaced apart from contact with the stationary mold section, said manually operated extraction member disposed adjacent said part shape cavity and releasably secured to the stationary mold section so as to be selectively moveable between a first position, wherein said manually operated extraction member cooperates with the mold sections to form a part of said part shape cavity, and a second position, wherein said manually operated extraction member is operative to engage and eject the stuck cast part from said stationary mold section of said part shape cavity.

8. (Previously Presented) The casting apparatus according to Claim 7 wherein a plurality of said manually operated extraction devices are disposed in said stationary mold section.

9. (Previously Presented) The casting apparatus according to Claim 7 wherein said manually operated extraction member is disposed in a cavity provided in said stationary mold section.

10. (Previously Presented) The extraction device according to Claim 7 wherein said manually operated extraction member includes a shoulder for supporting said manually operated extraction member on a ledge of said stationary mold section to prevent flash into said cavity thereof during a casting process.

11. (Previously Presented) The extraction device according to Claim 7 wherein said manually operated extraction member includes a manually actuated lever and a first threaded fastener which is operative to releasably secure said manually actuated lever in the stationary mold.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Presented) The casting apparatus according to Claim 4 wherein said threaded fastener extends through a non-threaded opening provided in said lever and is threadably received in a threaded opening provided in the stationary mold section to thereby releasably secure said lever to the stationary mold section.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)